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HIROYUKI SHINBATA ET AL.

Application No.: 09/396,740

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,

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Group Art Unit: 2624

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application as follows. The claims changes are reflected in the listing beginning at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 6.

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